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## News Release

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### Wading on the Refuge

Credit: Jeff Lemons



Caption: The Long-billed Dowitcher is found in large flocks wading & feeding in mudflats and shallow ponds. The Dowitcher's bill is twice as long as its head. This is the time of year the Dowitcher leaves its wintering locations, such as the Outer Banks, and migrates to northern breeding grounds. The National Wildlife Refuges Visitor Center on Roanoke Island is open Mon-Sat 9:00 am-4:00 pm & Sunday noon-4:00 pm; admission is FREE. Alligator River and Pea Island National Wildlife Refuges are open daylight hours year-round. Explore on your own! Or for a list of exciting and educational guided programs (canoe trips, Red Wolf howlings, bear excursions, bird walks, tram trips and more), visit: <http://www.fws.gov/alligatorriver/spec.html>